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CALL BEFORE YOU DIG 811!

Spring is on the way and that means many of you will be digging in your yards for landscaping, additions, pools, etc. First and foremost before you excavate for even the smallest job, protect yourself and your property by calling the local One Call Center. (811)

Excavation work is the most frequent cause of damages to pipelines and associated facilities. State law requires that any person making or beginning any excavation must notify all underground facility owners/operators which may be affected by excavation at least two but not more than ten days in advance.

Excavation work includes, but is not limited to, auguring, backfilling, blasting, boring, digging, ditching, drilling, driving-in, grading-in, plowing-in, trenching, tunneling and logging activities.

Never try to guess the location of underground pipeline or utility. Giving advanced notice and by contacting 811 and following construction guidelines allows you to begin planning projects with the assurance that your safety, and the safety of others, is not compromised.

If you dig and hit or touch a pipeline, contact this number immediately (877) 587-8519. Even a small gouge, scrape, scratch, dent or crease to the pipe may cause leaks, compromising the safety of the pipeline. In order to assure the safety of the line, they must be inspected and repaired, no matter how minor the damage may appear.

But, make it easy on yourself and call 811 first. Calling the One Call Center not only protects you, it's the law.

Councilwoman Madonna Flood's Ways to Be a Great Neighbor

- 1. Drive the speed limit in your neighborhood.
- 2. License all cats, dogs and ferrets.
- 3. Do not chain your dog to a fixed point in your yard from 8am-6pm.
- 4. Do not allow your dog to bark continuously and bother neighbors.
- 5. Do not keep abandoned vehicles on your property—all vehicles must be operable and licensed.
- 6. Do not park any portion of your car on the sidewalk.
- 7. Do not park heavy trucks (dual rear axles, semi trucks or trailers) on residential property.
- 8. Park all trailers, boats and recreation vehicles behind the front of your house only on hard durable surfaces.
- 9. Only leave your garbage cans out the night before it is to be picked up and take them in the next day.
- 10. Cut your grass before it reaches your knees—you may be fined \$100 if grass is in excess of 10 inches.
- 11. Do not park in your yard.
- 12. You must have garbage collection by a garbage service.
- 13. Keep your yard free of debris and standing water.
- 14. Report all suspicious activity to Police at 574-7111 or 2111.
- 15. Start or participate in your Neighborhood Association or Block Watch.



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Neighborhood News

From the desk of District 24 Metro Councilwoman

Madonna Flood

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Madonna Flood District 24 **Louisville Metro** Councilwoman 574-1124

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District 24 Clean Up...

Welcome District 24 Neighbors!

Wondering what the information gathered in the U.S. census is used for? One of the most important answers which affects every person directly is the redrawing of congressional districts on a federal level; senate and legislative districts on a state level; and council districts and various other constitutional districts on a local level.

The Louisville Metro has just undergone the redistricting process. The Metro Council by state law has the responsibility to redraw council district lines every ten years based on the most current census numbers published by the Federal Government.

Many of you are receiving a newsletter from our office for the first time which means I am now your Metro Council representative. Along with my Legislative Aide, Andrea Crider Derouen, we are excited to work with you to help improve the quality of life for all of us in the 24th District.

Our contact information is in this newsletter along with some other government numbers that you may need. There is also a map of the new boundaries of District 24 in this issue of our spring newsletter.

We are always open to constructive ideas to help improve the quality of life for those we serve and want to hear from you on concerns and issues. To sign up for our eNewsletter go to www.louisvilleky.gov and look on the left side of the page and click on Subscribe and Stay Informed. If you are or know the leaders in your neighborhood associations or neighborhood watches please email andrea.derouen@louisvilleky.gov or call 574-1124 and give us that contact information along with the dates of your meetings.

On another matter – as the weather gets warmer many children will now be playing outdoors and in our neighborhoods. Remember how much fun we had riding bikes, playing basketball or even kick ball in our neighborhoods? Please be vigilant whenever you drive but especially in neighborhoods. Please drive carefully for your family and other families.

In closing, I look forward to meeting you.

Respectfully,



Madonna Flood and Andrea Derouen



District 24 Spring Clean-up May 19th, 9am **Southern High School**

Join Councilwoman Madonna Flood and your neighbors in the 2012 District 24 Spring Clean-up. Individuals and organizations are invited to participate in this fun and useful activity! We will be divided into teams and pick-up trash and debris along District 24 streets and parks.

While making your neighborhood cleaner, you can also raise funds for your District 24 501-C3 organization (church, scouts, youth sports) by bringing the most volunteers. This year, along with awarding \$950 for first place, \$700 for second and \$500 for third, any District 24 501-C3 group that pre-registers with Councilwoman Flood's office and brings 25 volunteers, will be awarded \$200.

All groups wishing to qualify for prizes must pre-register at 574-1124. All members of the group must signin on clean-up day to be counted toward the total.

At noon, join all the groups and Councilwoman Madonna Flood for a cook-out at Southern High School to celebrate our efforts to make District 24 the cleanest in Louisville!

(Groups may request to clean-up their own neighborhoods)



Tuesday, April 17th 6:00 PM

OKOLONA FIREHOUSE 8501 PRESTON HWY

Attorneys will be on hand to answer questions about Foreclosure Defense and Landlord/Tenent Issues.

Prospective clients must meet federal poverty guidelines. For a family of four, annual household income must be \$44,700 or less.

A RESERVATION IS REQUIRED
PLEASE CALL (502) 614-3176 TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION

ROAD IMPROVEMENT UPDATES

I-65 SOUTHBOUND RAMP TO OUTER LOOP

Crash data and this exit ramp have been identified for several possible corrective measures to address the sharp curve of the exit. Initial safety measures have been identified and could be installed in 2012. Once installation has taken place, this exit will continued to be monitored to see if further correction needs to be done.

I-265/PRESTON HIGHWAY

Due to increased traffic, a right lane will be added to the exit going south from the Gene Snyder. This lane will continue to the Commerce Crossings intersection. A right lane going north will also be added to Preston from Cooper Chapel Road to the entrance to the Gene Snyder. This construction should be completed in 2013.

COOPER CHAPEL ROAD

This project will widen Cooper Chapel Road adding a turn lane from Preston Highway to Smyrna Road. Construction of the project is anticipated to begin in late Spring/early Summer 2012.

MT. WASHINGTON ROAD

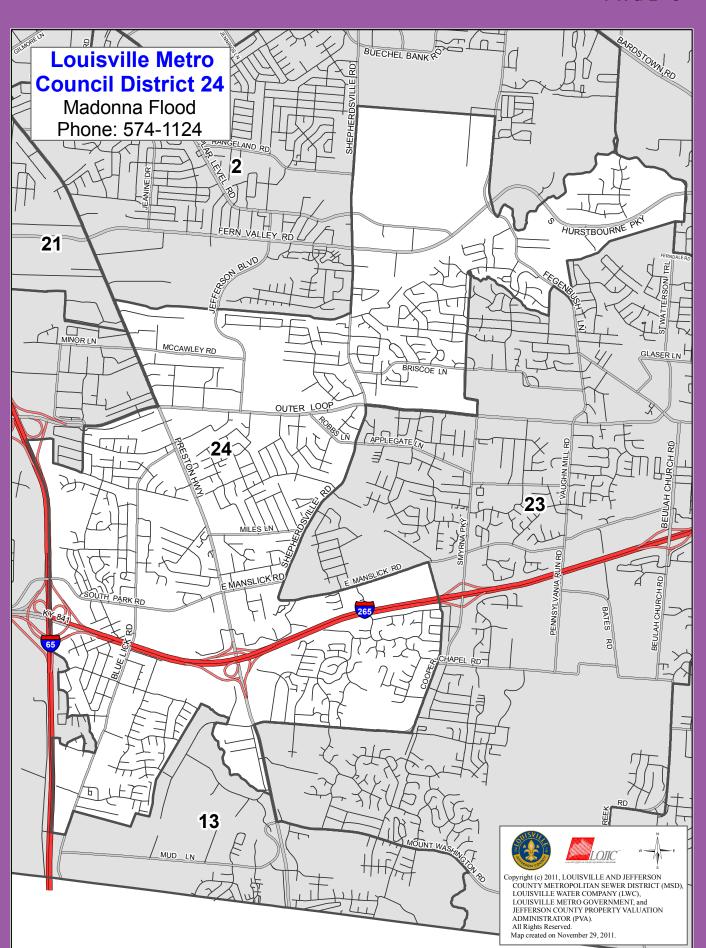
This project will widen Mt. Washington Road from Preston Highway to the Penn Run Creek Bridge. The design phase should be finished in 2012 and the right-of-way acquisition will follow shortly.

MCNEELY LAKE PARK ROAD

Access will improve to this parks 746 acres when a north-south connecting road. Since the park will be included in the Louisville Loop project, availability is of the utmost importance. This project is just in the design phase.

BLUE LICK ROAD

Right-of-way will be acquired by the fall of this year. It could easily take up to a year. When the utility relocation begins it will appear that road construction is taking place due to the complex nature of the work. Even though it is not roadway construction, it will appear to be. Actual roadway construction will begin by 2014.



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Report

Complaints, problems or just have a question

METRO CALL Dial 311

(or call 574-5000)

Operators are standing by 24 hours/7 days a week

or email at metrocall@louisvilleky.gov

To report litter or illegal dumping call Metro Call at 311 or 574-5000.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

MERGENCIES - POLICE, FIRE AND EMS	911
ON EMERGENCIES - POLICE	574-2111
h District Police Department	574-2133
ИРD Tip Line	574-LMPD (5673)
colona Fire Department	964-5111
ccident Reports	574-2051
imes Against Children	574-2465
etro Emergency Management Agency	574-3900
ousehold Hazardous Material's Collection	574-3571
puisville Gas and Electric Company	
Electric Trouble/Power Outages	589-3500
Natural Gas Trouble/Gas Emergency	589-5511
TDD For Speech/Hearing Impaired	627-3616
ouisville Water Company	583-6610
TDD for Speech/Hearing Impaired	569-3601
etropolitan Sewer District	540-6000
To Report a Hazardous	
Material's Incident	
sight Cable Company	357-4400
pison Center of Kosair Children's Hospital	
Emergency	911
Non Emergency	
TDD for Speech/Hearing Impaired	629-5155
l Metro Government Agencies	311
etro United Way Social Service Help Line	211
\RP	888-687-2277
nited StateS Post Office	
omestic Violence Hotline	800-799-7233
ouncilwoman Madonna Flood	574-1124

Ways that you can get involved in improving Your Neighborhood

Call Madonna at 574-1124

- © Would you like to serve on a citywide board or commission?
- © Would you like to be on the District 24 News email list?
- Would you like to start a Block Watch in your subdivision? or street?